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"METHOD FOR FORMING A COATING FILM ON A PLATE-LIKE WORKPIECE"

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 24, 2003, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of same based on the following.

REMARKS

The claims in the application remain claims 1-19, of which claim 1 is independent, and of which claims 13-19 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that the proposed drawing amendments included with Amendment-B have been approved, and correspondingly, applicant encloses herewith a clean, formal copy of the revised Figs. 1(a) - 1(h).